FEDERAL HEALTH ARCHITECTURE (FHA)
STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

V I S I O N

A federal health IT environment that is interoperable with the private sector and supports the President's health IT plan enabling better care, increased efficiency, and improved population health.

G O A L S

Input	→	Implementation	→	Accountability

- Federal expertise and experience supports the President's health IT plan through participation, coordination, and the leveraging of federal systems investments

- The President's health IT plan is implemented in the federal agencies, in alignment with the Federal Enterprise Architecture, through adoption of standards, certified applications and the protection of patient privacy

- Federal agencies coordinate effective capital planning activities, and invest in and implement interoperable health IT

S T R A T E G I E S

- FHA provides architecture and technical leadership for the activities of the Health IT Policy Council (HITPC)

- FHA continues appropriate standards activities responding to federal needs - in coordination with, and through participation in the Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) process - including the transfer of the FHA Consolidated Health Informatics (CHI) products to HITSP

- FHA supports the development of certification criteria relevant to federal health IT for the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT)

- FHA leads the federal sector in supporting the development of the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN)

- FHA supports the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC) in identifying and resolving privacy and security barriers to interoperable health information exchange

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- FHA architects and implements American Health Information Community recommendations approved by the Secretary of Health & Human Services

- FHA provides guidance to federal agencies as needed to architect and implement federal health activity responses identified by HITPC to accelerate President's health IT plan

- FHA supports and implements HITSP standards to address requirements of federal health IT systems

- FHA assists agencies in utilizing systems and technologies certified by CCHIT

- FHA publishes an applied federal architecture, derived from the national health IT infrastructure products

- FHA partners provide data and support to advance Nationwide Health Information Network prototypes

- FHA will identify opportunities to develop shared services to minimize redundant implementations of common health IT functionality

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- FHA uses its applied federal architecture and standards process to assist agencies in implementing cross-agency health IT interoperability mechanisms, including common business processes, performance measures and information exchange formats

- FHA will develop guidance for federal agencies to ensure that health IT grants and procurements comply with federal policies, and national health IT infrastructure products

- FHA will proactively participate in agency investment planning activities by providing health IT implementation guidance

- On an annual basis, FHA will analyze the planned and existing federal health IT infrastructure and help support OMB processes

- FHA establishes work groups for federal health IT implementers to collaborate and communicate